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The Hon. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I write to you regarding a matter involving WDBJ Television, Inc., a station located in Roanoke, Virginia that broadcasts programming to the Roanoke Valley and other portions of Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

The Federal Communications Commission has issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to WDBJ and proposed a fine of \$325,000 for violating FCC indecency regulations (File Nos.: EB-IHD-14-00016819, EB-12-IH-1363; NAL/Acct. No.: 201532080010; FRN: 0002061737 Facility ID No.: 71329). WDBJ has informed me that the station is contesting the findings of liability and the fine. WDBJ has provided my office with information it believes shows the incident in question was inadvertent and that the station took corrective measures to prevent similar problems since the incident occurred and in the future.

I have represented the Roanoke area and other parts of WDBJ's coverage area since 1993. While I do not condone what occurred on the air, WDBJ has consistently distinguished itself in serving its viewers and the greater community.

The fine proposed by the FCC is the largest fine for indecency ever proposed by the agency. I respectfully ask the FCC to give full and fair consideration in reviewing WDBJ's appeals. I additionally ask you to inform me about the FCC's final decision in this matter.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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October 26, 2015

The Honorable Robert W. Goodlatte
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Goodlatte:

Thank you for your letter asking to be updated on the indecency enforcement matter involving WDBJ Television, Inc. (WDBJ). Your views are very important, and I appreciate your concern in a matter involving WDBJ as a member of your community.

As you note, the Commission's Enforcement Bureau served a Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL) on WDBJ for the incident, and WDBJ has filed its response to the NAL. Commission rules preclude me from sharing specific information about any ongoing investigation or discussing the merits of a response. However, I will contact your office with a copy of our determination once the matter has been concluded.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Tom Wheeler", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler